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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Takayuki ARAKI et al.
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Title: SURFACE-MODIFIED NICKEL FINE POWDER

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended one month, applicants respond as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.